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Celebration with safety

By AMY RANDOLPH
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Many different fireworks displays are going on around the area this Fourth of July.

KNIM is putting on a large display at Mozingo Lake. A large crowd is expected for the annual fireworks display. The show begins when the sun goes down and will last for about an hour. Supervision by the Maryville Public Safety will be high for the event in case of an emergency.

The city of Stanbury is also having a display. St. Joseph Frontier Casino is expecting a big crowd for their Fourth of July celebration that starts at 2 p.m. with live entertainment. The celebration includes fireworks.

Fireworks are illegal in Maryville until July 4. The public is allowed to shoot off fireworks from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. that day. Bottle rockets and any fireworks that are shot out off a stick are prohibited in Maryville.

Phil Rickabaugh, Maryville Public Safety Fire Commander offered several

safety tips for setting off fireworks on Tuesday. He said parents should supervise children at all times and recommended having water or a fire extinguisher ready in case a fire starts.

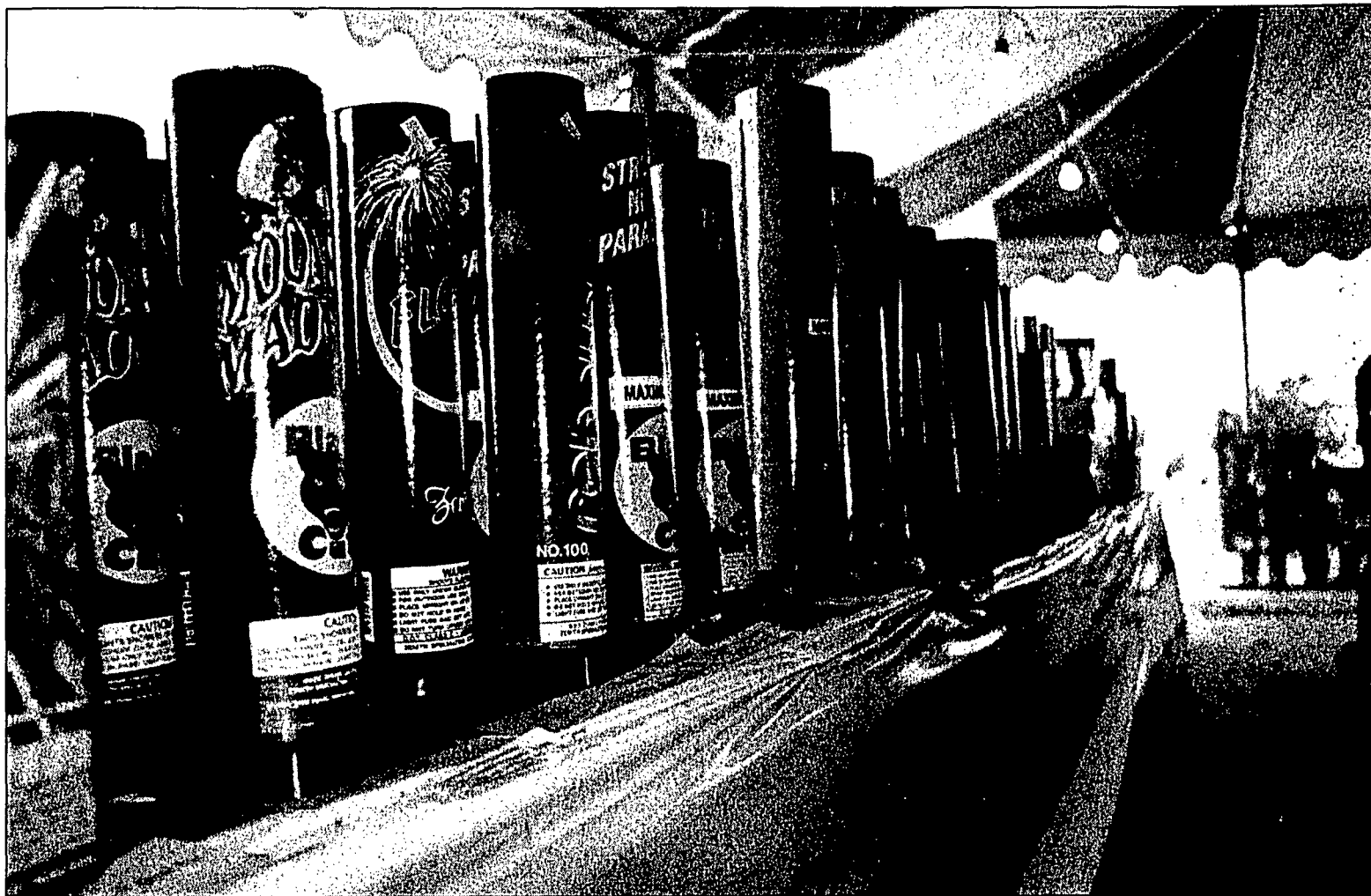
"Make sure you know your surroundings and that the grass and land around is not dry," said Rickabaugh.

In 1989 there were a few accidents involving the drought that was taking place. Everything including the land was so dry that fires broke out.

"All the accidents that I have ever seen on the Fourth of July have been very minor, nothing life-threatening," said Rickabaugh.

There will be no increase in the number of Public Safety officers on duty around the city and the Department of Public Safety isn't expecting any accidents.

"One of the easiest rules and the most important rules is to just use common sense while shooting off fireworks," Rickabaugh said. "If you do that everything should run smoothly and fun for everyone."



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Fireworks such as these at Crazy Jack Fireworks and other stands are illegal in Maryville until July 4, but the public is able to shoot them off from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Independence Day. But any fireworks shot out off a stick, such as bottle rockets are prohibited in Maryville.

Coaching the children



JOHN PETROVIC/ PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

Ken Gordon, secondary coach of the Bearcat football team, plays soccer with Horace Mann second-level student Minshuk Han, from Korea on Tuesday at College Park. The first and second level students of Horace Mann took some time out of their day for play time and enjoyed the nice weather.

Water treatment priority of council

By MATT ELIFRITS
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The city council decided to proceed with the next phase of the Maryville water treatment plant expansion project in its meeting Monday.

After two years, Maryville may only be a month away from knowing the name of the company which will expand the plant.

This expansion will boost the current water output from 2.5 million gallons a day to 5 million gallons. This increase is to provide for a 30-year population growth for Maryville.

Archer Engineering presented the council with a list of vendors who are

bidding for the project. Koch, Zenon, Agua Source and U. S. Filter are to be reviewed Friday to decide who will be interviewed for the job on July 7.

Ryan Saffels, project engineer for Archer Engineering, said there are several factors for selecting a vendor.

"Price is only 50 percent of the equation," Saffels said. "We want to make sure to get a quality product and a quality company to back the product."

David Anger, city manager, Matt Chesnut, assistant city manager and director of public works, and Barry Collins, water treatment plant superintendent will be involved in the interview process. Once the interviews are

completed a committee will select the company which will be awarded the bid.

After being selected, the vendor will have 90 days to complete a 60-day pilot program to show that it can meet the specifications required. If approved by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources construction will begin. If the pilot is not successful the next bidder will have a chance to do a pilot program.

However, if the first bidder is successful with the pilot there will be two different phases for the construction. Saffels said that phase one could begin as early as late October 2000 and en-

tails balancing of the plant. To prepare the new addition of the plant for the insertion of the membranes. Phase two is tentatively scheduled for March of 2001 when the installation of the filtering membranes is scheduled to take place.

Archer Engineering has only been involved with this project since March and has already moved the project further than the last contractor.

"With the bids they showed us on Monday, they have built our confidence back up," Chesnut said. "This project is really starting to move forward and Archer has been key in doing that."

Support staff salaries affected by budget

By BURTON TAYLOR
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The University's fiscal budget will begin being spent July 1, affecting Northwest's Mission Enhancement and employees' salaries, among other things.

The budget was recently approved in the Board of Regents' June meeting. Ray Courter, vice president for finance and support services, said both the Education and General budget and the Auxiliary budget are in place.

The Education and General budget was set at \$56.7 million, \$5.25 million more than last year, and the Auxiliary budget was set at \$13.3 million, \$191,000 more than last year.

The main changes in the budget were an increase in Mission Enhancement funds and a restructuring of employees' salaries, Courter said.

In previous years, professional, administrative and faculty employees have been compensated based on a market-base structure.

About 260 support staff will join the system so every employee's pay is managed in the same way, Courter said.

"That's probably the most significant adjustment, that and the Mission Enhancement, that we made," Courter said. "We were fortunate we were able this time to bring all employees into a market-base compensation structure."

The market-base is a reflection of

survey data compiled by Watson-Wyatt, an international company which specializes in data collection.

The University uses the data as a guide when considering changes to employee compensation.

"The value of that information is so important, because it provides market data of all the various paid occupations," Courter said.

The increase in the Education and General budget was in part due to the fact that the University received its fourth and final installment of Mission Enhancement funds. The last installment was more than the three previous, all four totaling \$5.7 million.

Courter said the funds are essential

to Northwest's uniqueness.

"Mission Enhancement is a special-focused program that we've negotiated with the coordinating board five years ago that differentiates us from the other institutions," Courter said.

Items encompassed by the Mission Enhancement include the University's electronic campus, trimester system, The Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics and Computing, C.I.T.E. and distance learning projects.

Courter said he was pleased with the regents' reaction to the budget.

"They had a chance to see things in advance and I was pleased with the review they had and pleased with their approval," Courter said.

71 Highway offers training to firefighters

Building in Pumpkin Center burnt to provide practice with live burns

By BURTON TAYLOR
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The development of U.S. Highway 71 offered Maryville Public Safety firefighters an opportunity to train fighting "live burns."

Buildings on the east side of the highway in Pumpkin Center, which were planned to be removed to allow the highway through, were used last week as a setting for firefighters to train on how to extinguish a burning building.

Larry Jacobsen, Missouri Department of Transportation resident engineer, said the department allows such practices as long as the meet requirements set by the state and in this case they did.

"It's allowable, so if any local fire safety department wants to do something like that we don't have a problem with it," Jacobsen said.

Keith Wood, director of public safety, said it was a great opportunity for the firefighters and one they don't have come along very often.

"You either do it that way or you don't do it at all until you get in a real fire situation and there's no better training than that," Wood said.

However, the training exercises were not a perfect situa-



JOHN PETROVIC/ PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

Buildings on the east side of the highway in Pumpkin Center such as this one, were used last week as a setting to train firefighters.

Wood said. "We did get good training but it was a little hotter (because of the weather) than we had planned," he said. "It sounds kind of silly talking about too hot when it's about a fire (but it was at times)."

The buildings removed will now allow for the reshaping of the land in the area, a process that Jacobsen said should be complete by the end of August.

Ed Menefee, Locke Sand and Construction project manager, said the company, which is in charge of the land moving, shouldn't have a problem with the deadline as long as the weather continues to cooperate like it has in the past.

"It all depends on Mother Nature," Menefee said. "We had a really good spring which is why we are ahead of schedule, but we were only able to work two days last week (because of rain)."

Jacobsen said the entire Highway 71 project is moving along, however, in order to do so, traffic had to be slowed down to 45 mph.

"There was an accident and it was because of slow-moving traffic moving through there," Jacobsen said.

\$45,000 solid waste funding to be spent on five projects

By BURTON TAYLOR
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Northwest Missouri Regional Solid Waste Management District's executive board tackled its annual budget of \$45,000 provided by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

Each year the board dispenses funds to several projects in Northwest Missouri, this year's including the household hazardous waste collection, plan implementation, district-wide waste tire collection, administrative assistance program, Wild Bills Salvage expansion and William's Recycling expansion.

"These are just things we do to reduce the amount of waste in the area," said Joel Miller, Regional Council of Government district planner.

Atchison, Gentry, Holt, Nodaway and Worth counties are among those which receive the benefits of the programs. The household hazardous waste collection program works with the community to remove household waste items safely and effectively, Miller said. The board allocated \$7,500 to the project this year.

Plan implementation, given \$5,000, focuses on educating residents on how to properly dispose of waste and provide individualized assistance of

waste removal to the community.

The district-wide waste tire collection program offers area residents an opportunity to dispose of tires. The board budgeted \$13,500 for this project.

Administrative costs for the district will be paid for with \$5,000 of the total \$45,000 budget.

Wild Bill's Salvage expansion will be awarded \$8,500 and William's Recycling expansion will get \$5,500.

The amount of money given to each project changes from year to year but in some instances stays relatively the same, Miller said.

"A lot of it has to do with previous years where we've pretty much got it figured out how much it's going to cost," he said.

Miller said the biggest advantage of being able to use the funds awarded by the state is that the community gets to decide how the money is used.

"It's truly local people who are deciding what gets what, which is really nice to have," Miller said. Another benefit of the program is the amount of cooperation the projects receive from area residents, Miller said.

"Typically the response is great and we are really pleased with the assistance we get from the local level," he said.

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JOEL MILLER
REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS DISTRICT PLANNER

\$25,000 reward for tips on dog shooting

By JIMMY MYERS
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

A Burlington Junction family is offering a \$25,000 reward for information leading to the prosecution and incarceration of the person or persons responsible for the shooting injury of their dog George.

The dog's owners, who wish to remain anonymous, are not concerned with the amount of the reward.

"We're not seeking publicity for ourselves, and we're not rich," the owner said. "It's important to us for moral reasons. We were horrified that a dog with tags would be shot."

How can people just take a gun and shoot a dog?

The owners have set up the reward with Firststar Bank in Maryville. "We save our money like everyone else does to buy things we want," the owner said. "Instead of spending it on a swimming pool or a new car we are doing this."

The owners' neighbors are giving their support.

"We've had a lot of people say they know people who shoot dogs and they all say 'thank goodness you guys are doing something about it,'" the owner said. "We want that person to know that what they did is wrong."

Nodaway County Sheriff Ben Espey seemed shocked by the amount of the reward being offered.

"Very unusual," Espey said. "I've never seen that amount for a dog."

Espey said he had some clues about who might be responsible for the shooting but he would not speculate without concrete evidence. Espey does believe, however, that the guilty party is within a five-mile radius of the owner's home.

The dog's owner said they noticed the wound last week and took George into the clinic.

"The vet recognized it as a shotgun wound. There are still pellets in the elbow of his front paw."

The owners have had George since he wandered onto their property in February of '98.

"We tried calling neighbors to find out who he belonged to," the owner said.

"We called the Maryville animal shelter but we were unsuccessful. After about 10 days we started feeding him and he's been around ever since."

The owner said George weighs 93 pounds and that he looks intimidating but is very gentle.

"He loves children and kitties. His interest in cattle and horses is zilch. He's not interested in sheep. He's not a problem dog."

Nodaway County Prosecutor David Baird said if the shooter was found and prosecuted it would be up to the judge and jury as to what the punishment would be.

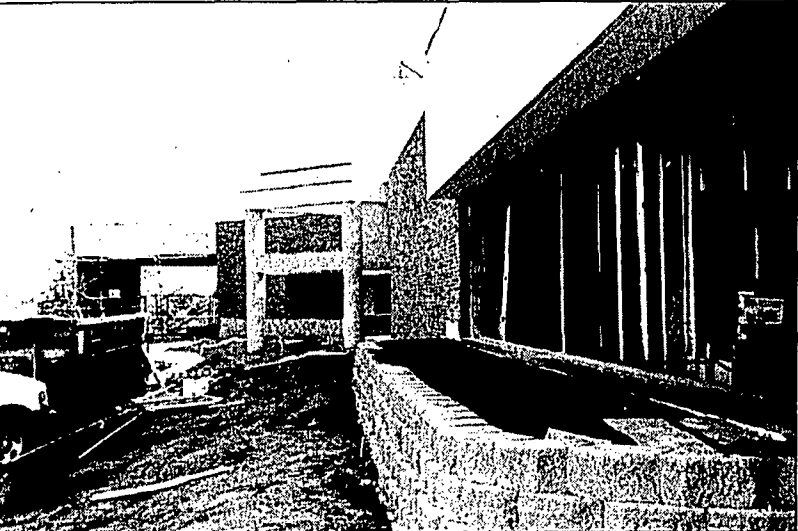
"The animal abuse statute can be used in a situation where a person has hurt an animal on purpose," Baird said.

According to Baird the maximum punishment for felony animal abuse is five years in prison or one year in county jail and \$5,000 fine. Maximum punishment for misdemeanor animal abuse is one year in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

Many factors influence whether the crime is considered felony or misdemeanor. The persons' prior record would also influence their chances of going to jail.

According to the owner, George is now at home and doing well.

"He's moving a little slow but the cool weather has been easier on him."



HEATHER EPPERLY/MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER

The \$4.6 million expansion of St. Francis Hospital is set for completion by May of 2001. In November the emergency services are expected to be completed, along with the rehabilitation services. The pharmacy, radiology department and medical records office are among those which will not be complete until 2001.

Hospital project reaching closure

\$4.6 million to be used on renovating clinic

By BURTON TAYLOR
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Renovations to St. Francis Hospital are moving along as planned with an overall completion date of the project set for May of 2001.

Hospital President Mike Baumgartner said to date the reconstruction of certain areas of the hospital has been productive while not getting in the way of the hospital's operations.

"The Graham (Construction Company, contracted for the construction) has done a great job with limiting the inconvenience for the patients," Baumgartner said.

The employees of the hospital have also worked well around the construction process and been able to effectively work in and move around the construction areas as well, Baumgartner said.

"Everybody has done a great job of relocating to new areas ... and dealing with the noise," he said.

The \$4.6 million expansion project when complete, will have revamped the hospital's emergency services which will offer more to patients, said Lisa Luke, St. Francis community relations assistant.

"Right now our emergency service only has two suites and now it will have five up front (of the building)," Luke said.

The emergency services area is expected to be complete in November along with the hospital's rehabilitation services, outpatient clinic and laboratory department, Luke said.

The radiology department, medical records department, pharmacy, business offices and gift shop will all be relocated by the Spring of 2001, Luke said.

The patients of the hospital have also been understanding to the construction process and knowing that in the end the facility will be better off, Luke said.

"In the beginning during the demolition process there was a lot noise but they made it through. It's pretty low-key now, we know they're there but it's not been a problem. I haven't heard any complaints so I think they are just excited to have the new addition."

LISA LUKE
ST. FRANCIS COMMUNITY RELATIONS ASSISTANT

Northwest relocate cat family

By JOSH FLAHARTY
COPY EDITOR

A Northwest family was relocated Tuesday and Wednesday with the help of several University faculty and staff.

A cat and her eight kittens were moved from their home under the east steps at the Conference Center to two area farms.

The move was executed by Carol Cowles, assistant vice president of student affairs; Sarah Alexander, Conference Center site manager; Lee Perry, building maintenance and support technician; and Trudy Clark, ARAMARK catering manager.

Cowles said she wanted the cats to have a better home than under the steps of the Conference Center.

"We just wanted to give them a better life," Cowles said. "It was just a matter of time before something would have happened."

Alexander said the cats' safety was the main reason for the move.

The process involved luring the cats into a cage with food before transferring them to carriers for transport to their new homes. A live trap was attained from the New Nodaway Humane Society to assist with the project.

"This was an important way to spend a couple of hours," Cowles said. "I'm sure that there are people who would say that to take two hours out of your day, to focus on cat relocation is not the best time management, but I basically think it was time well-spent."

Alexander said they originally called the Humane Society to try to find homes for the cats, but met with no luck. The shelter could not accept the cats because it already has reached its limit of 40 cats.

When that was unsuccessful, the group began talking to friends and came up with two people, Jeremy Waldeier and Jenni Murphy, who were willing to take the cats.

Alexander said she was pleased with how the project went.

"I thought it went really well," Alexander said. "None of the cats got hurt and none of the people got hurt. It was very easy and very safe. I'm just very happy with the way it all turned out."



Sarah Alexander waits for one of eight kittens to enter the cage before letting the gate close to lock it in. Five kittens and the mother were relocated Tuesday. The other three were captured and moved Wednesday morning.

JOSH FLAHARTY
COPY EDITOR

Music industry cranking out new albums

By JIMMY MYERS
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The past couple of months have seen an abundance of new albums in record stores.

Some of these acts such as Duran Duran debuted nearly 20 years ago. Others, like, Eminem are only on their second or third albums.

Sarah Rice an employee at Movie Magic said rap and metal are the most popular selections in Movie Magic's offerings.

"Eminem's, 'Marshall Mathers' is the biggest selling one right now," Rice said. "It's selling more than Kid Rock."

Rice said this week's biggest release is Lil' Kims' "Notorious K.I.M."

Ten years after releasing the multi-platinum "I do not want what I haven't got," Sinéad O'Connor brings fans a new album, "Faith and Courage".

Tool frontman Maynard Keenen released an album last month with his new band A Perfect Circle. The band is currently on tour with Nine Inch Nails.

Duran Duran's new album "Pop Trash" features only two of the five original members. Bassist John Taylor being the most recent member to bow-out.

Dan Jacobsen of Streetside Records in Westport has been keeping an eye on a few bands.

"The Deftones' new album 'White Pony' is selling really well," Jacobsen said. "That and A Perfect Circle."

The Me, Myself and Irene soundtrack features one of the largest collections of rock stars on a soundtrack this summer. It includes Foo Fighters, Smashmouth, Third Eye Blind, Wilco, Ivy, Hootie and the Blowfish, The Brian Setzer Orchestra and more.

Pearl Jam, which started selling tickets last month for their October concert in Kansas City, has a new release titled 'Binaural'.

Look for the follow up to the Radioheads' critically acclaimed 1997 album "OK Computer" sometime this fall.

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MY VIEW

Exciting West Coast changes views of big cities



JILL ROBINSON
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Coming from a little town in Iowa, I know it is easy to fall into a comfort zone. That content feeling of safety in the outstretched arms of a small town.

Going to college was a slight step out of that zone, but now in a town with a population just a little larger than my own, I can't say the "local color" has changed much. These last two weeks I have become restless.

Maybe it was the sticky humidity I could not avoid since my cash flow is low and air conditioning is expensive. I am more convinced it was the bubble around Maryville that began to make me claustrophobic and obsessed with finding a way out.

Don't get me wrong, Northwest is a great school. I love my professors and have finally found a major, after switching just recently, that I am passionate about. The last two years I have made the best friends of my life and have made giant steps in figuring out who I want to be. Which is exactly why my goals for the future have turned 180 degrees.

Enough of the cheesy crap most people write in their journals. I am not going to go into what my aspirations are and why. I am, however, going to explain where this sudden change came from. Recently I went to San Francisco with one of my best friends, Sue.

Armed only with a city map, cameras, and the little amount of money the average college student has, we found ourselves in the middle of mass chaos.

I loved every moment of it. The constant buzz of people and vehicles, the towering shops and buildings; not to forget the schizophrenic that had a three-way conversation with herself on the train. Even being crammed into a bus, and thrust into the armpit of the local standing in front of me at every stop, could be laughed off. To me it was all part of the experience.

After our excursion, I realized many things. I learned that I have a perfect traveling partner, that there are so many things outside the realm of a small town and that I can do whatever and go wherever I want, even if it seems a little frightening at first.

I have talked to many people who have built a road in their future that ends at the outskirts of a small town. I used to be one of these people. Thanks to those crazy couple days in San Francisco, my goals have changed tremendously.

I encourage you to go to places that are big, loud and a little intimidating. The experience will not only make you grow as a person, but remind you of the endless opportunities that sometimes become hidden behind the county fairs and city limits.

Embrace the positives of living in a small town, for there are many, but don't forget to let go for a bit to grab ahold of something bigger.

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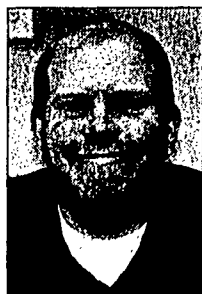
YOUR VIEW

How do you plan on spending and celebrating Independence Day this year?



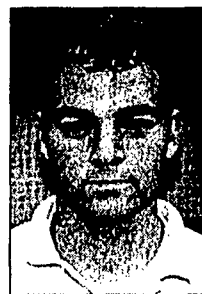
"We're doing activities with Upward Bound on campus."

Amanda Salmond
Northwest Bridge Student



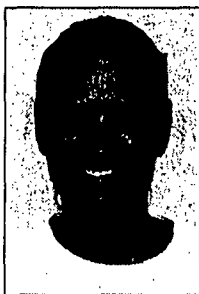
"I'm going to write my name in the air with sparklers."

Cale Archer
Art major



"I have to work 4 to 11 p.m., therefore my evening is ruined."

Joel Miller
Social Science Education major



"I'm going to play in a volleyball tournament."

Megan Hudek
Elementary Education major



"We're going camping at the lake."

Tysha Smith
Maryville resident

OUR VIEW

America's birthday

It's almost time for America's biggest celebration — its birthday.

More than 200 years ago, in 1776, the 13 colonies of America declared independence from England. Since that time, our nation has become one of the proudest in the world.

The Fourth of July is a time to remember the reasons we, as Americans, are free individuals. It is also a time to remember how we became free and who it was that fought for the freedom we sometimes take for granted.

For as many years as the country has been independent there has been one consistent way of celebrating its birthday — "bombs bursting in air."

It is the only time of the year when every resident of our country is sure to stand proud as he or she reflects on what it means to be an American as the light from the fireworks reflects onto their face.

The *Missourian* is especially proud this day has rolled around once more. It has given us an opportunity to watch the pride come through in Maryville as residents scurry to the fireworks stands in a hurry to stock up on their party favors.

In just a matter of days, the entire community will be joining to celebrate Independence Day. Local barriers will be removed, grudges forgotten and tensions dissipated in the union of our one unarguable similarity — being proud Americans.

The *Missourian* wants to make a request of its readers. When your family and friends are gathered to celebrate the independence of America, don't forget to help the children keep in mind why we shoot fireworks into the air, barbecue hot dogs and hamburgers and join in celebration. As the evening of the Fourth rolls on remind them that it was the country's founding fathers who provided us with the freedom to celebrate like we do. Above all teach them to be proud Americans who have respect for their country.

Also when buying fireworks, keep in mind the safety issues associated with them. Parents, please keep watch over your children as they celebrate one of many Independence Days to come. And if you decide to, indulge in a drink or two while celebrating leave your car keys with a friend.

Happy birthday America, from *The Missourian* staff.

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MY VIEW

Senior looks back on college, forward to post graduation



AMY RANDOLPH
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Have you ever wondered how life can actually change in an instant?

I came to college four and a half years ago and my life has changed drastically. After about a year of college I looked around at the people that I called my best friends and most of them I didn't even know the previous year; yet I felt like I could tell them anything.

It's crazy how life works. Times flies by so fast it feels like I was just moving into good old Hudson Hall and now I am getting ready to move out of the fifth place that I have lived in Maryville and graduate. The fact that I am not going to be at Northwest ever again as a student is a frightening thought.

I have no idea what I am going to do or where I am going to go but I know that I will be OK. I guess you could call me a person with a free heart.

From my experiences here at Northwest and in life in general I have been thrown into many different situations and have always been happy and content with my life.

Things happen for a reason. I thought the most devastating thing happened to me at the beginning of the spring semester this year. Oh God! My boyfriend cheated on me and I had to break up with him. Come to find out my life got about 120 percent better. I met new friends to hang out with and re-aquainted myself with old ones. If I would have known how much happier I would be if I would have gotten out of the relationship long ago.

While I am on the subject of people and my friends, there is a topic I would like to discuss with you the readers. All Greek organizations on this campus have different reputations, which is really dumb because none of them are valid. Some organizations are more recognized and praised and some are talked badly about and made fun of. I am a Sigma Kappa and very proud of it. The great Alpha Kappa Lambdas, the poor guys, always get shut down in everything yet they are one of the coolest fraternities on campus. I have gotten to know quite a few of them and they are honestly the nicest, most honest, warm-hearted fraternity men at Northwest. Their brotherhood should be an example for all fraternities on campus.

All in all this piece hopefully helped make you aware of how life will change with or without you. And how you shouldn't judge a book by its category in the library. I wish everyone the best of luck in the future and keep living life because it will only get better.

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State funding helps business

By BURTON TAYLOR
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Funding for training industrial employees has been awarded to local businesses to keep the level of experience up and the workers in the state of Missouri.

The State of Missouri's Customized Training Program aids businesses who qualify with training their employees.

Two such businesses lie in Nodaway County and include both the Energizer Battery plant and Kawasaki Motors.

To qualify for the funding, each business had to create new positions or show a high retention rate of its current employees.

Energizer Battery, which has received the funding in the past, will again receive assistance in training 17 of its employees.

Fifty percent of Energizer Battery's training expenses will be covered by the State of Missouri.

"It is very costly for industries to train qualified workers and this is Missouri's way of keeping the employers here in the state," said Janet Allison, Energizer marketing outreach coordinator.

Energizer has hired more than 80 employees in the last year which is the main reason they qualify for the assistance, Allison said.

One way a company can make sure it is not going to receive help is if there has been a recent history of dismissing employees, Allison said.

"They're never going to fund an application that has had lay-offs," Allison said. "We don't have that problem here. We are always expanding our workforce."

In 1998 Energizer received \$35,000 to train its new employees. This time, Allison said the company expects anywhere up to \$26,000.

The money will be used to train in five different areas of the company's business.

Kawasaki, which has also been awarded funds in the past, has not been informed as to how much they will receive this year, said Anita Coulter, assistant manager in personnel.

"We have not received any news yet as we have just completed the application a couple weeks ago," Coulter said. "This year we are looking to train possibly 40 to 60 more individuals."

Investing made easy with decimal system

If you weren't all that good at math in school, then you probably have never really liked the way stocks are priced — in fractions of a dollar, rather than dollars and cents.

To make it more confusing, most trade in increments of one-sixteenth of a dollar. And some stocks are even offered in increments of sixty-fourths.

These numbers can be a bit hard to deal with. If that's the case with you, then you'll be glad to know that the Securities and Exchange Commission has ordered United States securities markets to begin quoting securities prices in decimals. Starting in July, 30 to 40 stocks will be quoted in dollars and cents, according to plans issued by the securities industry. If all goes well, by early August, all stocks would make the switch, although quotes would be priced in increments of no less than 5 cents. By early October, the 5 cents limitation would be removed, and stocks could be quoted in penny increments.

When decimal pricing is completely phased in, you should find it much easier to understand stock prices. For example, a stock that trades today at \$4 3/4 would be

quoted at \$4.75. This change also should make it simpler for you to compare prices of different stocks.

If stock quotes eventually get priced in 1-cent increments, you also may benefit in another way. This penny pricing system could narrow the "spread" — the difference between the best buying price and the best selling price for a stock. Consequently, you may find it easier to buy a stock at the price you want.

Of course, decimal pricing, by itself, really shouldn't change the way you invest. You still need to find stocks of companies that have strong economic fundamentals, competitive products and a clear plan for future growth. And you also need to diversify your holdings among a variety of different stocks.

Although decimal pricing won't affect your choice of investments, it should still be a positive step in the actual mechanics of constructing a well-diversified portfolio. And, from a psychological viewpoint, dollars-and-cents pricing should take some of the complexity out of the investment process.

So, get ready for a new way of looking at the stock market.

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Paden Goldsmith, from Kearney, Mo., looks at the wide variety of large shell fireworks Sunday while braving the hot weather prior to the storm. Patrons of local businesses so far have ranged anywhere from children to adults who all plan to celebrate the Fourth of July with a blast. One aspect business owners are focusing on this year is the safety of fireworks in the area. The only day residents can legally use fireworks in Maryville is on Independence Day.

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New businesses popping up

By AMY RANDOLPH
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Independence Day is arriving shortly and with it the tradition of fireworks.

At least five fireworks stands have popped up in the city of Maryville with rows upon rows of different colored packages. Packages filled with different fireworks explosives.

"The most popular fireworks this year have been the traditional Blackcats, smoke bombs and Saturn missiles," said Sean Humphreys, an employee of Pierces Fireworks.

Pierces Fireworks stand is located off of the west side of Main street past Caseys on 16th Street. Humphreys put it has been pretty steady.

On an average day the stand will make around \$200. Business has been really good considering the fourth is still a week away, said Humphreys.

The average of consumers have been adults with younger children. The safest fireworks for children are the snap pops, Humphreys said.

"We just opened this week because the weather has been so bad,"

Humphreys said. Sunday night we set up our shop and had to hurry and take it down because of all the high winds and rain we almost got blown away."

Most employees of the fireworks stands have to stay all night and watch the tent to make sure everything is OK over night.

Pierces Fireworks has everything in their store 50% off and with any purchase over \$20 the customer receives free bottle rockets. Pierces has everything from aerial fireworks to little kid fireworks, said Humphreys.

"I love the Fourth of July and I am glad that our country at least have a tradition like this," a Maryville resident Tara Oetter said.

The most expensive firework is that Pierces sells is \$100.00. It is a huge canon that shoots off a number of shots. Another popular hit is a \$150.00 set of Blackcats. Pierces firework stand does accept credit cards and personal checks.

"It's a tradition to blow each other up on the Fourth of July, Humphreys said. It's purely all in good fun but everyone needs to make sure that they do be careful."

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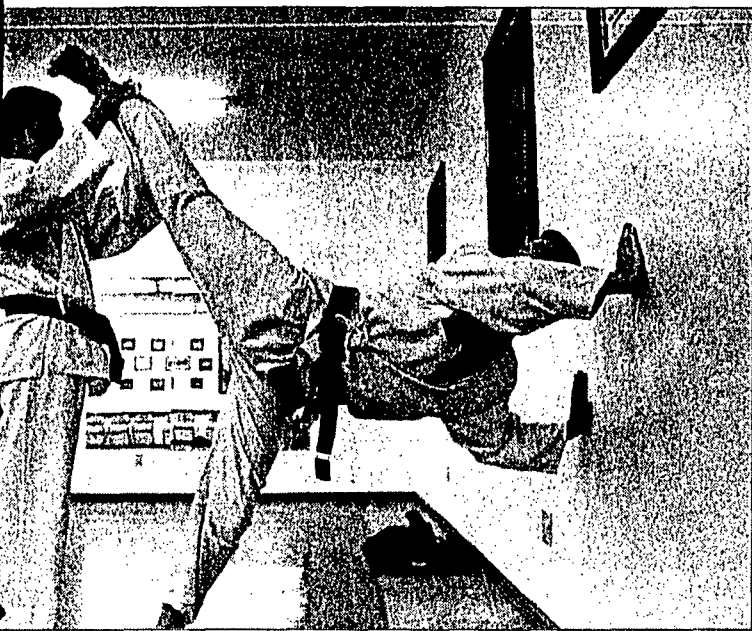
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David Fuller helps Marcus Gillespie stretch his legs before participating in their class at Grand Master Yu's Martial Arts Academy. The students completed several punching and kicking drills during the class. The school teaches Korean hapkido, which blends the throws of Judo with the kicks and punches of Karate.

Karate training challenges mind

By JILL ROBINSON
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

For at least two hours a week, people come to David Duvall's martial arts classes not only to physically better themselves, but mentally and spiritually as well.

Grand Master Yu's Martial Arts Academy teaches Korean hapkido, which blends the throws of Judo with the kicks and punches of karate. Translated in English to the "art of coordinated power," this form of martial arts is intense and requires discipline. Duvall, owner and instructor at the academy, said, "Our culture today forgets the fact that to learn anything of value, it takes time," said Duvall.

With this idea of long-term involvement in mind, Duvall has set up a membership that he believes "rewards commitment."

Membership to join the classes ranges from monthly to yearly fees. The month is \$45 to join, but that only skims the surface of the training Duvall said. Six months of membership is \$210, while yearly fee is \$410. The year membership also includes the uniform fee.

Self-defense is only one of the valuable pieces of knowledge a student at the academy will obtain with a membership, Duvall said. Physical, mental and spiritual improvement is one of the greatest benefits.

The physical change is the easiest to teach Duvall said. Students get in shape, as well as learn to defend themselves. Mental im-

provement is the second step and a little tougher.

A greater pain tolerance, as well as an increase in concentration, productivity and focus are just a few of the changes students will see in their mental health.

The spiritual level is the most challenging to instruct Duvall said. "This level is the most valuable," Duvall said. "The other two are important, and as long as the mind is

well trained, the body will respond. There is no greater strength than faith though."

These changes can be seen as early as two weeks. His students who range from ages seven to 57, do not just go through the motions to get to these levels. At least two hours a week is required. Classes of 12 to 20 people meet on Mondays and Wednesdays at 6 p.m. or Tuesdays and Thursdays

DAVID DUVALL
OWNER AND INSTRUCTOR OF GRAND MASTER
YU'S MARTIAL ARTS ACADEMY

hourly at 6, 7 and 8 p.m. Any fitness level can join. Duvall said people often feel that they must be in great shape to do something of this sort and do not give it a chance.

"This program is designed to take people exactly where they are and start progressing," Duvall said. Learning hapkido requires commitment, but does so with positive results in the long run.

"Peace of mind is one of the many things a student will receive," Duvall said. "They will be physically, mentally, and spiritually stronger. It's individualized for each person, but they will come out of this with more confidence and strength than they had coming in."

Spikers enjoy summer sand

By JILL ROBINSON
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Whether it is for exercise, fun, or the pure joy of sand in their teeth, the sand volleyball summer league has become an outlet for women in the Maryville area.

The summer league kicked off May 30, and will last until August 25. A week-long tournament will follow regular season play.

For the next three months, women of all ages and skill level will play once a week with fellow barefoot teammates. The schedule has grown to include 10 teams, two more than last year.

Parks and Recreation summer league coordinator, Renee Sturm, is happy about the growing numbers.

"Sand volleyball is really big for women," Sturm said. "There is a good turnout this year."

Individuals ranging in age from 18 to 50 enjoy the time in the sand to keep in shape, as well as have fun with their teammates.

"I like volleyball, and I get to play with my friends," Maryville resident Nancy Charley said. "It's exercise, but it's a lot more fun than just walking or running."

For others, the summer league is a way to continue their love for competition.

"I did sports in high school and played on some co-ed teams in college," Skidmore resident Gayle Lager said. "It's fun and something to do past the high school and college life to stay active."

There are many women that have been taking advantage of this league for years. Maryville residents Rosie and Sadie Archer have teamed up as a mother-daughter force for the summer. Rosie has



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Beth Graves, Fairfax, bumps the ball to a teammate during the teams' match Tuesday at the sand volleyball courts behind the Maryville Aquatic Center. For the next three months women of all ages and skill levels will be competing against each other in the league that has 10 teams, two more than last year. The entry fee is \$65 a team and \$12 per person.

played for years she said, and is no rookie to the sport.

"I've been out here for 25 years," Archer said. "It's good exercise, and you get to see your friends."

Sadie agrees that most people play because it is a good time, but admits despite the laid back attitude, there are moments of competitiveness.

"Our team likes to have fun, but

we do like to win when we can," Sadie said.

Even Sturm, who coordinates the schedules of the leagues in Maryville, participates. Her love of the outdoors and volleyball make this league a perfect activity she said.

It does not matter if you are a stand-out athlete, or just playing for fun, the games cater to all partici-

pants Sturm said.

Only those that have graduated from high school are eligible to play. Most teams get involved by getting a sponsor, although it is not required. Teams of eight find a business who will represent them by paying the \$65 entry fee. Each player then pays \$12. Forms to get involved are at the Parks and Recreation office in City Hall.

7-year-old motorcyclist wins first race

By BLAKE DREHLE
SPORTS EDITOR

It is unusual to see someone go out and win any kind of race they participate in, but one Maryville boy did just that during a recent event.

Jacob Schwienebart, 7, competed and won in the American Motocross Association event at the Black Bird race creek in Unionville June 3.

"Unionville was his first race," Mark Schwienebart, Jacob's father, said. "He has been riding around here and riding around his grandpa's house since we got him the bike and that is where he got his experience."

Having watched the races with his parents a couple of times before, Jacob told his parents he was ready to try motocross himself.

"We just went over to there to watch, and we took the motorcycles over there to watch and we were going to ride afterwards and he said dad I want to race," Mark said. "I raced a little bit when I was a kid and I never won, but Jake has already."

Jacob was given his first bike from his parents when he was 4 years old, but did not start riding until he was 6. He, like many first-time riders has experienced problems.

"He crashed the first time he ever road into a hole, but he got right

back up and got back on his bike," Jacob's mother, Cathi Schwienebart said.

Having the opportunity to start at a young age not only helped Jacob to win the first race he participated in, but it has helped him earn a new bike.

"It's been fun to race because I get to ride, and getting a new bike will help me to get better," Jacob said.

Despite start to his career, Jacob's parents said there are more experienced riders in the older age groups to compete against.

"He is gradually moving up," Mark said. "We were surprised when we saw some of the older boys racing because they were doing a lot more, but it is something we are going to have work at."

Although he races once a month, there are plenty of sports that keep Jacob busy, but motocross is his favorite.

"This is just one of many sports he has done," Cathi said. "He is also playing softball and taking swimming lessons this summer and he has played soccer and wrestled when those seasons have gone on."

"This is obviously the sport that Jake likes the best and we feel that motocrossing is probably his favorite because he can control how well he does," Mark said.

With the success Jacob had in his first race, there is another



Jacob Schwienebart shows off the motorcycle that helped him win at the Black Bird race. It was the first race he competed in.

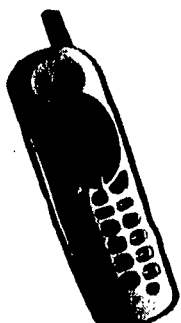
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Schwienebart waiting in the wings to give racing a try.

"Our youngest son Thomas will be starting next year in the 4-to-8 year-old class and he seems to be

just as excited as Jake in wanting to compete when he watches his brother," Mark said.

Jacob will compete in his second AMA event Friday in Unionville.

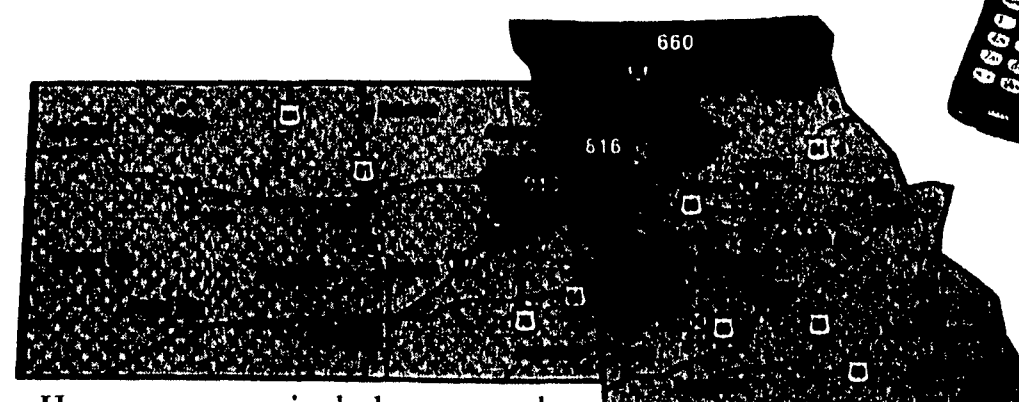


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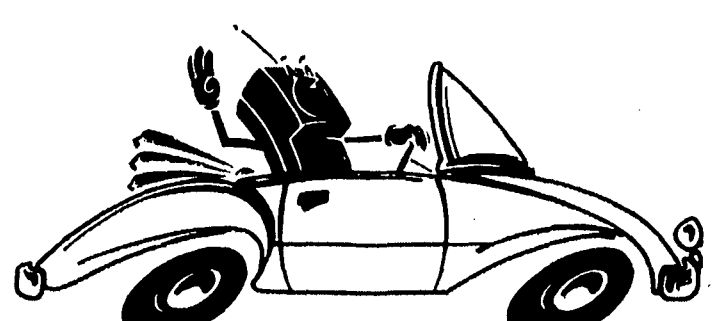
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Stroller admits to being slacker

Your Man is a slacker, folks. It seems that Your Man has hit a nerve with various members of our precious learning community and it was just the second issue. Sure, it should have been the first, but it's plain that Your Man was slacking and just wasn't focused.

Never make an assumption that you can't back up, that's the advice that Your Man (you may now call me Sensei) will give unto you today.

Practice what you preach, you say?

Your man has never made a statement in his ramblings that wasn't true. When you, the educated, hard-working, know-it-alls out there, read this column, you probably think of one stereotypical individual rather than the real person that Your Man has grown to be. You do not know your Sensei but he does know all of you, grasshoppers.

Many of you that haven't been around for a while still don't understand exactly what the Stroller is or what it means to the University. It took the current beloved Stroller an enlightenment period to realize this.

Yes, Your Man felt compelled his first few years to write in and make his thoughts known, but then understanding hit Your Man like your MP3s hit that dang Northwest firewall.

The Stroller is about an anonymous, creative stud, (or stud-ette) that



THE STROLLER

has the chance to voice their thoughts without the kiss-butt tendencies that many students, faculty and staff have to do in order to excel at Northwest. Those thoughts aren't always about the University, Greek organizations, parties, scoring and classes. But this is a college — not a convent — and those topics are what many want to read about.

Now, some have questioned the point behind Your Man's column about University employees/slackers. It's quite humorous that those that do work very hard for this University are defending those that should be questioning their usefulness in Bearcat Country.

What's even more humorous are

those faculty and staff members that Your Man has spoken with. They enjoyed the article, agreed with it, but also took it for what it was — a humorous truth about many 'paycheckers' that this University has holding it down.

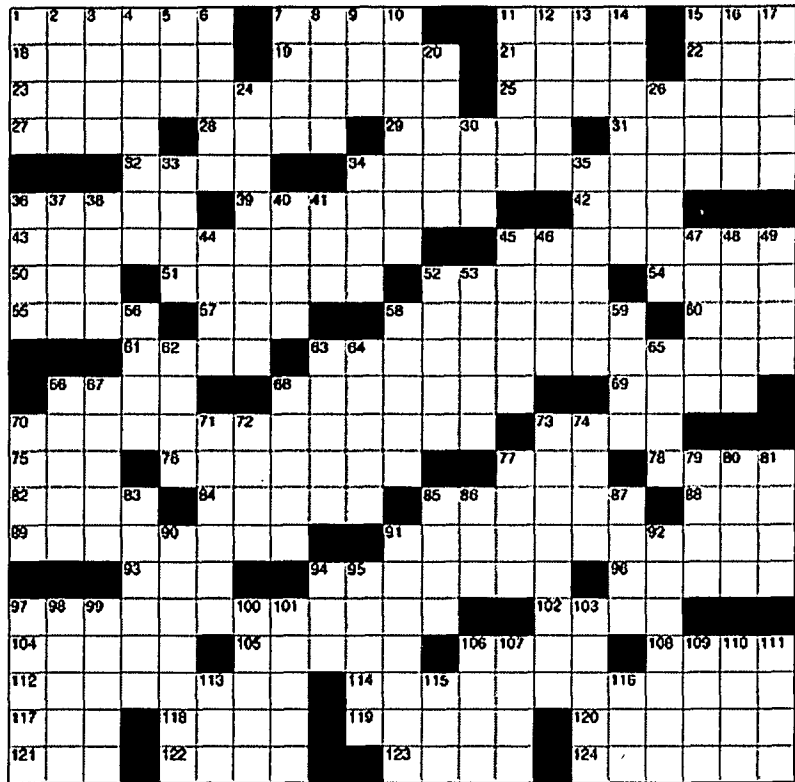
Oh, and so critics out there can feel all warm and fuzzy inside, Your Man HAS worked for the University. Your Man does pay for his own college makes car payments, insurance bills, and Maxim magazine payments. Your Man splurges and finds the cheapest drinks specials throughout the week. He buys Ramen noodles, mixes it with chicken patties and calls it Chicken Parmesan, the real man's dinner.

But the one thing that Your Man has advantage of over all of the University officials that dictate policy here is that he has not forgotten what being a student is all about and how to stay true to those goals.

Your Man does not promote apathy. In fact, it's the opposite. Be proactive and urge those slackers that you know are out there to become more productive, or leave. Speaking of which, Your Man is running behind in getting this article in, but he ain't leaving... just yet.

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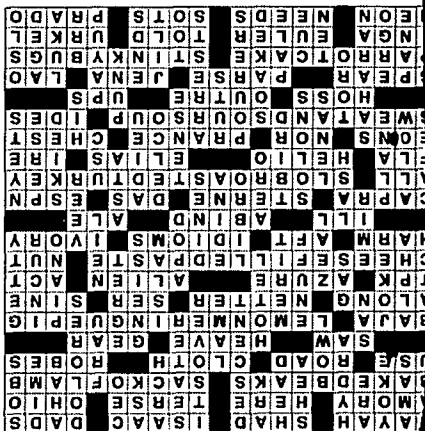
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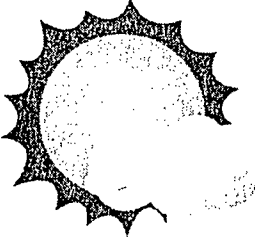
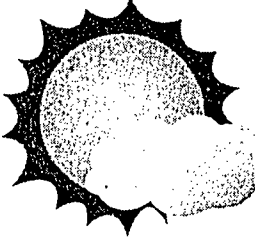
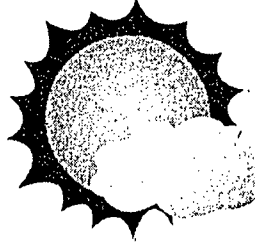
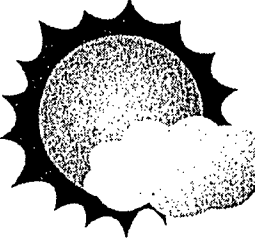
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10. Lopsided
11. Baseball-loving country
12. Affluent area outside a city
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14. "No...the weary"
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16. LPs and 45s
17. Holder of Lela's secret
20. Sturdy carts
24. Coroner probes
26. More satiny
30. Q follower?
33. Parking place, often
34. Secluded valley
35. Lopsided
36. Biblical twin
37. Well-worn ways
38. Zenith
40. Form of salt?
41. Southern org.
44. Tread loss, e.g.
45. Sincerely
46. Israeli dance
47. British actress Reid
48. Bagnold and Markey
49. Ear feature
52. TV puppet
53. Po land
56. Operation memento
58. Lots
59. June event
62. Disgusted comments
63. Ballet leaps
64. Make up (for)
65. Boo companion
66. Drilled
67. seed (deteriorate)
68. Loud party

70. December adjective

71. Of a heart part
72. Highland dance
73. Liszt effort
74. Spumante
77. Fly wolf
80. Rice, for one: abbr.
81. Boarding area
83. Abduct
85. Lavish attention (on)
86. Possessive pronoun
87. Word maven Partridge
90. Art lover
91. With a will
92. Point Barrow resident
94. certain extent
95. Some VCRs
97. Wing it
98. Get along
99. Big name in chips
100. Abrasive substance
101. Jason's wife
103. Rolls partner
106. Film actress Kay (who has an apt-sounding last name)
107. Hand (congratulate)
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